



Harvest Vital War Crops

PEANUTS FOR OIL, fruits, vegetables, and grain for the nation's food basket, hay and other feed for livestock and poultry production, and cotton for gun powder, parachute cords, uniforms, and tents are among the important war crops that Negro farmers and farm laborers are harvesting this year. A good many of the younger men have gone off to war, but the older men, the women, and the children have stepped into their places to keep farm production going.

They are soldiers of the soil, everyone,

fighting on one of America's vital fronts. Top, left to right, a Negro farmer in Georgia stacks his peanut crop; in Maryland, a Women's Land Army worker drives a tractor, helping with the harvest of hay and grain; in Alabama, an older man shakes and stacks peanuts, while in Mississippi a still older man helps with the bagging of peanuts for shipment.

Bottom, left to right, a woman and even a small boy help with the harvesting of

carrots in Florida; in Maryland a 'teen age girl picks tomatoes; in Mississippi, it's a smile of pride on this worker's face; knowing that Uncle Sam needs high-grade cotton for the manufacture of important war goods, he picks swiftly, but carefully as this armful shows; in Florida, a farm worker fills crates with peppers; in South Carolina, it's snap beans that this youth has picked.—USDA Agricultural Adjustment Agency Photos.